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Composition of new junta:

Colonel Elfego Monzon, president, age 42, long regarded to be anti-Communist although held position minister without portfolio under Arbenz. While Minister of Interior under Arevalo in fall 1950 he closed Communist Jacobo Sanchez school and Communist paper OCTUBRE. Following passage resolution in Congress condemning these actions, he was removed from Ministry but kept in Cabinet without portfolio.

Lt. Colonel Jose Luis Cruz Salazar, age 34, at one time attended army information school Carlisle Barracks; apparently pro-American.

No information on Lt. Colonel Mauricio Dubo

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On evening June 28 Diaz-Sanchez-Monzon junta decreed amnesty for all political prisoners and it appear that anti-Communists arrested by previous government are already being freed.

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